

very, very good for US Ecology and the compact commission and the power companies. And that's all there is to it. There are many other things that need to be addressed that we could possibly put into this. But the very minimum we need to do now is help the folks protect themselves, give them the oversight, the involvement that they had from day one when these committees were created. It can work. It's not legislation that helps these committees work, folks, it's the people. And once the people in Boyd County accept their responsibility as the protector of their community, protecting them from the negative benefits, that there will be some from this facility, they're the ones who will experience them. The benefit is spread across many people, some of them with a lot of money across many states. The negative benefits, if any, will be focused on the people of Boyd County. Let's do what they need to protect themselves and no more. Let's don't do anything else to expedite this process, it does not need to be greased, it does not need to be stopped in its tracks. But we do not need to keep rushing forward with our eyes closed. If you noticed the handout I passed you out yesterday, the people that have said we need this bill and everything in it, US Ecology, the compact, those people that say we need all that stuff, they are the people that, for three years, have said this importation thing, this importation thing, you don't need to worry about it, it won't happen, it won't happen. You have the ability to veto any importation, which we do in the contract, but only importation from other compacts. We do not have the ability to veto what the federal government wants to do with us, or to us. And if you will read that handout, or if you did read it, you will see it comes from a GAO report, a federal government report. I'm not making it up, here it is, and it's talking about DOD, Department of Defense waste. And one of the things that they say in there is, although federal officials say each facility will accept defense waste only from within its compact, and they're saying if we need to do this, each facility, meaning ours, ours is one of them, the DOD must contend with where to put the waste for the next few years until all of the sites are operational. What a problem. Where could you put it? Maybe the first facility up and running, maybe that would be a good place to put it. A good reason to win this race? No. A good reason to move forward with caution and concern. Another thing they say is that the GAO report mentions an alternative, Department of Defense needs to work with other federal agencies, compacts and states to determine the feasibility of dedicating a portion of one or more disposal sites for government use,